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AMBASSADOR DRAPER'S HURRIED VISIT TO ROME GIVES RISE TO A WAR RUMOR.

Confers with the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

ITALY TO HELP SPAIN?

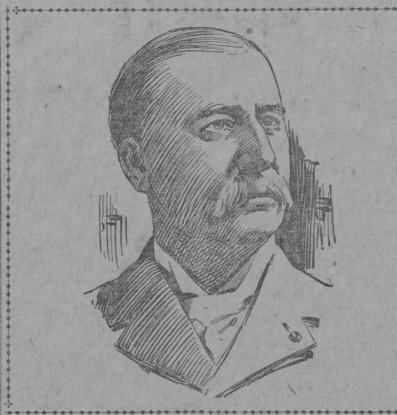
That New Orleans Incident Still Rankles in Her Breast.

APPEAL TO THE POWERS,

The Agenzia Libera Declares King Humbert's Government Has Taken This Step.

PROMPT REPLY FROM GERMANY.

Emperor William Refuses to Be a Party to the Proposed Scheme of Mediation, but Other Nations Remain Silent.



United States Minister William F. Draper.

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Rome, Oct. 24.— The report was widely circulated in this city to-day that the Italian Government is making preparations to help Spain in case of war between that nation and the United

In view of the difficulties with which Italy is herself beset, little credence would have been given to the report had it not been for the hasty visit paid to Italian officials to-day by the United States Ambassador immediately upon his arrival in the Eternal City. Aparently Spain has made no appeal to Italy for aid. Rather it would seem that Italy believes she sees the opportunity to revenge herself upon the United States for the occasional massacre of Italian subjects in that country. The New Orleans incident, in particular, still rankles in the Italian breast.)

United States Ambassador Draper arrived in Rome to-day, and at once had a long conference with Marquis Visconti Venosta, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs. Immediately afterward a rumor was circulated among a few of the well informed in diplomatic circles that the conference was about Spain.

The Agenzia Libera now positively announces as a fact that Italy has proposed to the powers of Europe to offer Spain her mediation to avoid war with the United States, and that Germany has already replied positively refusing to enter into such combination. No answer, so far as is known, has yet been received from the other powers.

Private advices from Vienna say that Austria has no interest in the matter. It was pointed out, however, that Italy belongs to the Triple Alliance, and that Austria, a member thereof, en-

deavored to get up an alliance against the United States in behalf of Spain a year ago. As yet it is impossible to learn the exact form of Italy's suggestion to the powers. The in-

terests involved are very complex. Spain has little to give for assistance. Only those powers possessing American colonies are interested with her in restraining American aggressions, but it is believed that they would hold back from fear. In other words, diplomats say that the basis for a combination, even of moral support, does not exist, as Spain is too poor in

CABINET FEARS A CRISIS IS AT HAND.

money, credit and territory to buy help.

Our Relations with Spain May Become Seriously Strained as Soon as Sagasta's Reply Is Received.

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Spalu asserts that she has always been informed that the United States "desired Washington, Oct. 24.—While the Administration is located but Spain.

Again, she calls sharp attention to an assurance given Spain in 1840 by Secretary of Strate Cuban question, it is known that grave fears are entertained by the Cabinet, if not by the President, that our relations may become seriously strained as soon as Spain's reply to Minister Woodford's note is officially received.

As an addition to the dispatches from Madrid, Senor De Loune is known to have recerrly uttered to an intimate friend this epigrann, which relates to the Cuban troubles:

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AS A SPELLBINDER

Makes a Campaign Speech to His Friends in the Twentieth.

LEAVE ABUSE TO OTHERS

Fight the Battle on Straight Democratic Principles, He Declares.

SARCASM FOR GEN. C. H. T. COLLIS.

Only Reformer to Keep Things Wide Open-Notably the Streets, Causing Loss to Merchants.

Richard Croker visited his old district yesterday afternoon and edified his friends the Tammany Hall General Committee of

Mr. Croker was the leader of that dis

quasi nesotiations with members of the then Administration booking to annexation. It is asserted by Spain that the present insurrection leaders have no such purpose; that they have proclaimed an independent republic and seek alliance with, rather than annexation, to America. This is urged with considerable detail and much gravity.

Then comes the question from Spain; "Does the United States adhere to or abundon its traditional policy? If she abandon her traditional policy and be prepared to recognize a Cuban Republic as a possible eventuality, what will be her attitude during the intering of struggle?"

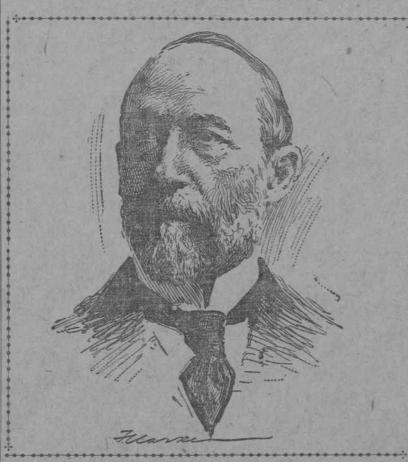
Secretary Lorg said to night: "It is entirely too carry to discuss this question. I believe the Segasta Cabinet is honestly trying to arrange such reforms for Cuba as will satisfy every one, and I think the recall of General Weyler is a proof of good intentions."

A prominent officer of the navy, who is considered in the service as an authority on all subjects touchinf the relations of the United States with foreign countries, said to-night:

"I thoroughly believe that if the President could have list own way in this Cuban matter something would have been done long ago, and I think that the Secretary of State, as well as Mr. McKinley, would, even under the existing conditions, be unwilling to brook for an instant such language as Sagasta's note is said to contain. I can hardly believe that the Spanish Cabinet would be so foolish as to institute the right of search for it could put Spain in a position that she would hardly care to occur.

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PLATT CLASSES LOW AS A DEMOCRAT AND DECLARES THAT TRACY WILL WIN.



Senator Thomas G. Platt.

The Easy Boss Issues a Rallying Cry to Republicans.

BITTERLY ARRAIGNS LOW

Declares That His Lists Are Merely a "Political Fake."

A DIG AT MAYOR STRONG.

Says That He, as Well as Tammany, Has Violated the Bi-Partisan Law.

SEES QNLY VICTORY IN SIGHT.

He Explains the Betting by Describing Tammany as Strongest in the Art of Gam-

NATOR PLATT last night broke the silence which he has maintained since the Mayoralty canvass began by issuing a manifesto for General Benjamin F. Tracy. It is the first official utterance from the Senator since he, on May 8 last, anathematized the Citizens' Union for its alleged attempt to dictate to the Republican party whom it should nominate.

In his statement, Senator Platt declares that General Tracy has already been elected. He calls Seth Low "Holler-Than-Thou" Democrat, enlisted in a movement to smash the Republican party and blaze the way for Grover Cleveland's renomination in 1900. Mayor Strong and Tammany are also attacked-the former for having violated the Bi-Partisan Police Board law, and the latter for alleged frauds in elections prior to the en actment of the Raines ballot law.

Here are Senator Platt's own words:

"Four Democrats in the Field."

In response t omany inquiries as ot how the municipal campaign is likely to end, I want to say that in my belief General Tracy has won the election

There are three Democratic candidates in the field-four, counting Gleason-among whom the Demo cratic vote will be divided.

It is not a majority vote anyhow. The Democrats have never had a majority in the territory not solidated since the enactment of the present election law. They used t chave majorities, any kind of ma jority that suited their taste and convenience. They had absolute control of the electoral machinery at every poll. The appointment of all the ballot clerks, poll clerks and inspectors, was lodged hands of the Tammany Board of Police Commissioners. Theoretically the law required minority representation at the polls, but in practice that was ignored. The alleged Republican representation was in practive practice provided by the Tammany election district captain.

This gave unlimited opportunity for fraud, and fraud was practiced in an unlimited way. But when Governor Morton and a Republican Legislature were elected in 1893 the law was changed and a bi-partisan con trol of the polling places was established. The two leading parties are now equally represented at every ; place, as by law they should be in the Police Commission, and would have been had Mayor Strong do duty as the law requires in the selection of Police Commissioners. The ballot clerks, poll clerks and inspectors are now appointed on the nomination of the official heads of the two principal parties, and since that has been the case the Democrats have never had a majority in the city of New York. They won in 1895, but they did not win against the Republic an party.

Classes Low as a Democrat.

Whatever their present vote may be, it is going to be divided between Van Wyck, George, Low and Gleason. Van Wyck will probably get the most of it, George will get a huge portion of it, and Low will get a substantial remainder. Low is the candidate of four Democratic organizations, the Ship Democracy, the Grace Democracy the Purroy Democracy and the Steckler Democracy. More and more as the canvass prohe has become identified before the public with the Democratic party. He is a revival of Clevelandism. He has the support of all that noisy and insolent crowd that grovels at the feet of Cleveland. He has brought forward as the expression of their notions and their hopes. And that which makes his success impossible is the fact, now so clearly presented in the minds of the community, that through Low this Clev

The Republican vote, on the other hand, is consolidated upon a single candidate. Every district in New York has been thoroughly canvassed by the Republican organization, and its leaders know the situation as accurately as it can be known by anybody until the votes are actually east and counted. They approach the crisis of the campaign with absolute confidence. There is not an Assembly district in the whole city where the loss of Republican votes to Low will amount to 15 per cent of the normal Republican strength. Even this small percentage of loss can occur in no more than twelve out of the fifty-nine Assembly districts into which the new municipality is divided. In all the other Assembly districts the Republican loss to Low

In other words, Low will receive a much larger Democratic than Republican support, and it is not the least interesting feature of this extraordinary campaign that the candidacy of Low, instead of smushing the Republican party, as it was intended to do, will really be an additional and distinct force for Repubilcan success. George and Low, having identified themselves in other respects, will be identified in thisthat each will help to use up and split up the Democratic vote and Isave the consolidated Republican vote triumphantly potential.

Galls Low's Lists a Political Fake.

Of course, I do not forget those Low lists. They are decidedly the most amusing thing in the way of a political "fake" that has been exhibited herenbours during my experience.

They are not worth a detailed examination. The simple fact that they place Low's chief strength as a candidate in the districts below Fourteenth street, makes them so obviously absurd that it would be a waste of time to dicuss them. In districts where they give him nearly 50,000 votes he will not have 4,000 Nor do I forget that there are some Tammany and Wall street gamblers who seem to be trying desperately to give new proof of the adage that "a fool and his money are soon parted."

Campaign betting has always been Tammany Hall's chief argument. It is supposed to be very effective with a class of voters that don't know how they will vote until they are persuaded how others will

vote. There may be such a class in this community, but it is not large. To bet that Low's vote will exceed Tracy's is just like throwing money into the fire. To bet that Tracy's will exceed Van Wyck's is like pickdog it up in the streets. And so I say to Republicans-keep steadily at work. You have already won and are winning in greater

measure every day. Your constant and united efforts will bring this great city, with its tremendous influence upon the affairs of the country, to the support of the Republican party and the noble principles for which it stands. You have nominated the best ticket that was ever offered to the people of this community. You bring to them the services of a man as the first Mayor of the Greater New York, whose character, ability and experience place him high above any of those who think themselves his rivals in this race. You have stood for your principles, as principles should always be stood for, without compromise or denial. You are entitled to win. You deserve to win. Your victory will do more to secure stability to business and solidity to credit and to give impetus and permanence to our new prosperity than can be accomplished by any public event. It will say to the country that this great centre of commerce and capital, from which is drawn the vitality of all enterprise, is true to the sound policies for which it spoke one year ago. It will assure to the people of New York a pure, independent and efficient administration of their local affairs. It will start the new city upon its new career, with the respect and confidence of all men. And all you have to do to make your victory complete is to keep right at it, day by day, until the votes are cast and counted."

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